

Q1 Another example is a case of sharing a file among processes. This is a case where maintaining a file consistency is not as strict, although access from a plurality of processes are permitted. Or, in a case when the data consistency is very important, the exclusive control among processes is provided by using a semaphore lock mechanism, although this may sacrifice the processing efficiency. Other than the given examples, there are lots of technique relating to the data consistency. To give one concrete example, refer to Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication SHO 62-206935 which discloses a technique to serialize a control file access for the exclusive control of a system resource using updating queue and processing task.

Please amend the subheading on page 6, line 3, of the specification as follows:

Q2 Summary of the Invention

Please amend the subheading on page 16, line 16, of the specification as follows:

Q3 Detailed Description of the Invention

Please amend the second complete paragraph on page 18, lines

13-24, as follows:

ay The same user clock module 201 is used in all of the user terminals, including the wireless terminal 101. The user clock module 201 is removable from and attachable to all of the user terminals. The user clock module 201 becomes valid when authenticated by a system controller and when its time is adjusted to a standardized time adopted in the present system. Then the user clock module 201 is distributed to the specified users only. As an example, for a case of adopting the system in the commodities exchange market, the system controller should be performed by an inspecting organization in the market, and the system controller strictly controls the user clock module 201.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 26 and 27 as follows:

ay As described previously, the transmission of the update request data 800 to the server will not always be successful, depending on the communication media being used by the user terminal at the time. The user terminal attempts a re-trial of the transmission to the server until the communication is successful. Even in the case of re-trial, the terminal communication program 202 will not alter the transmission time 802 in the update request data 800, and re-